



Influenza Vaccine Eligibility for 2006-07: Revised

This letter serves as official notification that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has expanded the groups that are eligible to receive VFC influenza vaccine for the 2006-07 influenza season. Please refer to the enclosed "VVFC Influenza Vaccine Advanced Order Form 2006-07 REVISED." The italicized text indicates a newly eligible group for VFC influenza vaccine.

To ensure understanding of expanded influenza vaccine eligibility, we have enclosed an updated copy of the ACIP's VFC resolution for influenza eligibility. Please ensure your staff reads through this policy and is familiar with it prior to ordering. The VFC resolution also includes the recommended vaccine schedule and dosage intervals for influenza vaccine.

Please use the updated eligibility criteria, the dosage schedule, and last season's demand for influenza vaccine to help estimate your need for the upcoming season. Complete the "Doses Requested" column for influenza vaccine at the bottom of the order form. If your facility has already submitted an influenza order, you can either call in your updated order to 1-877-781-VVFC or fax in the revised order form to replace the old one. If you do call, please have your PIN number and influenza order ready. If you decide not to change your order, you do not have to contact VVFC. Either version of the 2006-07 influenza vaccine order form will be accepted.

Friday, April 14, 2006 is the due date for all advanced influenza vaccine orders. If your facility does not submit an order by April 14, the VVFC program cannot guarantee that you will receive the dose amount or types of influenza vaccine requested. We will be shipping influenza vaccine in partial shipments as vaccine becomes available from the manufacturer, likely in October 2006. Orders will be limited based on patient enrollment and vaccine availability; providers may not receive the entire amount requested.

Updated Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for the 2006-07 influenza season will be mailed to providers in August, along with any updates concerning use of a tiered schedule for administration of influenza vaccine as mandated by CDC. Please also check the CDC website for updates: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>. VVFC's influenza order form is available online: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/imm/forms.asp>.

